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SUBJ: IRAQI JEWS

1. AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE'S NEW YORK OFFICE (DR. GEORGE GRUEN) HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT THEY HAVE REPORT FROM THEIR PARIS OFFICE THAT EZRA AND SALIM GAHTAN, TWO PROMINENT MEMBERS OF BAGHDAD JEWISH COMMUNITY, WERE ARRESTED IN BAGHDAD ON MARCH 21. BOTH DESCRIBED AS PROMINENT AND WEALTHY TAILORS, IN THEIR SIXTIES, AND AS HAVING NO POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT. GRUEN SEES NO REASON IRAQIS WOULD WANT TO ARREST THEM EXCEPT POSSIBILITY TO BE ABLE TO CONFISCATE THEIR WEALTH. WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING BAGHDAD COULD PICK UP ON THIS.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANYTHING USUN AND GENEVA COULD REPORT RE UNHCR SADRUDDIN KHAN'S MEETING WITH IRAQI OFFICIALS DURING VISIT BAGHDAD LATE LAST MONTH. ROGERS

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